GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CENTRALISATION OF DRUG CONTROL MACHINERY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to centralize the drugs control machinery in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (K. RAHMAN KHAN)

(a) to (c) : The Government have constituted the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), an expert body with powers, inter-alia, to fix prices and notify the changes therein, if any, of bulk drugs and formulations, from time to time under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO,1995). Prices notified/fixed by the NPPA are applicable to manufacturers/importers in all the states/Union Territories in the country.